

## STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS29398 / S1287

This legislation creates the “Rural Nursing Loan Repayment Fund” under Title 39, Chapter 59. Money allocated to the fund would pay educational debts for nurses committing to practice in designated rural health shortage areas and critical access hospitals in Idaho. Payments would be capped at \$25,000 per year up to a maximum of \$75,000 per qualified applicant.

### FISCAL NOTE

The Rural Nursing Loan Repayment Fund would provide up to \$25,000 per year for 10 applicants, or an allocation of \$250,000 per year, ongoing. The fund would be administered by the Department of Health and Welfare. Few additional administrative costs are anticipated as the Department already administers similar loan repayment programs for physicians and other healthcare providers, however administrative costs are limited to 10% of allocated funds.

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